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IN THE CLAIMS

Please add claims 48.

Please amend claims 37 and 45 as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for analyzing a stream of network usage data comprising:

generating a statistical model from a set of usage data record events;

receiving a most recent record event; and

updating the statistical model using the most recent record event by adding the most recent record event to the statistical model, wherein an identifier is associated with each record event, including updating only a portion of the statistical model associated with the identifier.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein updating the statistical model further comprises removing a most recent record event from the statistical model.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of storing the set of record events in a history cache, and wherein if the history cache is full, updating the statistical model includes removing a least recent record event from the statistical model.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising defining the statistical model to include an aggregation of each record event set stored in the history cache.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein generating a statistical model from the set of record events includes generating an aggregation table for tracking an aggregation of record events associated with an identifier.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, comprising generating a complex statistical model representative of the network data from the aggregation table.

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7. (Original) The method of claim 5, comprising generating a histogram statistical model (130) representative of the network data from the aggregation table.
8. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the most recent record event is associated with an identifier; and wherein updating the statistical model includes updating only the aggregation of record events in the tracking table for that identifier.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising generating a complex statistical model from the aggregation table.
10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further wherein updating the statistical model includes updating only a portion of the complex statistical model associated with an identifier.
11. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising generating a histogram statistical model from the aggregation table.
12. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein upon receiving a most recent record event the method further comprising replacing the least recent record event stored in the history cache with the most recent record event.
13. (Previously Presented) A method for analyzing a stream of network usage data over a rolling time interval comprising:
 - defining a statistical model for analyzing the stream of network usage data over the rolling time interval;
 - defining the rolling time interval to include a plurality of update time intervals;
 - receiving a record event from the stream of data for each update time interval;
 - storing the record event for each update interval in a history cache;
 - generating the statistical model over the rolling time interval using the statistical model and each record event stored in the history cache; and

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updating the statistical model using the statistical model and a most recent record event for a most recent update time interval, including updating only a portion of the statistical model associated with the most recent record event.

14. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein if the history cache is full, updating the statistical model further includes removing a least recent record event set associated with a least recent update time interval from the statistical model.

15. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising defining the statistical model to include an aggregation of each record event set stored in the history cache.

16. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the history cache is an array of memory segments, wherein the number of memory segments is equal to the number of update time intervals in the rolling time interval.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising storing each record event in a memory segment in the history cache.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising defining an index array associated including a set of contiguous index segments, wherein each index segment including a pointer to the memory segment storing in the history cache storing the next consecutive record event.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, further defining a first pointer to the index segment associated with the memory segment storing the least recent record event.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein upon receiving a most recent record event the method further comprising replacing the least recent record event stored in the history cache with the most recent record event.

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21. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising moving the first pointer to the next contiguous index segment.

22. (Original) The method of claim 19, further defining a second pointer to the index segment associated with the memory segment storing the most recent record event.

23. (Previously Presented) A method for analyzing a stream of network usage data over a rolling time interval comprising:

defining a statistical model for analyzing the stream of network usage data over the rolling time interval;

defining the rolling time interval to include a plurality of update time intervals;

receiving a record event set from the stream of data for each update time interval, each record event set including one or more record events, wherein each record event is associated with a user identifier;

storing the record event set for each update interval in a history cache;

generating the statistical model over the rolling time interval using each record event stored in the history cache; and

updating only a portion of the statistical model associated with the most recent record event for a most recent update time interval.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein if the history cache is full, updating the statistical model further includes removing a least recent record event set associated with a least recent update time interval from the statistical model.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising defining the statistical model to include an aggregation table having an aggregation table entry for tracking an aggregation of each record event set stored in the history cache for each user identifier.

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26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the step of updating the statistical model includes the step of updating only the aggregation table entry associated with the most recent record event.

27. (Original) The method of claim 26, further comprising generating a histogram from the aggregation table.

28. (Original) The method of claim 27, further wherein updating the statistical result includes updating only the portion of the histogram associated with the aggregation table entry associated with the most recent record event.

29. (Previously Presented) A method for analyzing a stream of network usage data over a rolling time interval comprising:

defining a statistical model for analyzing the stream of network usage data over the rolling time interval, the statistical model including a histogram having a first axis illustrating total usage defined by a number of bins, each bin having a usage variable range, and a second axis defined by a frequency corresponding to a number of users having a total usage within the usage variable range of each bin;

defining the rolling time interval to include a plurality of update time intervals;
receiving a record event set from the stream of network data for each update time interval;

storing the record event set for each update interval in a history cache;
generating the statistical model over the rolling time interval using each record event stored in the history cache including generating an aggregation table; and

updating the statistical model using a most recent record event for a most recent update time interval including updating only a portion of the aggregation table associated with the most recent update time interval.

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30. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein if the history cache is full, updating the statistical model further includes removing a least recent record event set associated with a least recent update time interval from the statistical model.

31. (Original) The method of claim 29, further comprising defining the statistical model to include an aggregation of each record event set stored in the history cache.

32. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the history cache is an array of memory segments, wherein the number of memory segments is equal to the number of update time intervals in the rolling time interval.

33. (Original) The method of claim 32, further comprising storing each record event in a memory segment in the history cache.

34. (Original) The method of claim 29, further comprising defining an index array associated including a set of contiguous index segments, wherein each index segment including a pointer to the memory segment storing in the history cache storing the next consecutive record event.

35. (Original) The method of claim 34, further defining a first pointer to the index segment associated with the memory segment storing the least recent record event.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising generating the histogram statistical model from the aggregation table; and updating only a portion of the histogram statistical model associated with most recent record event set.

37. (Currently Amended) A network usage analysis system for analyzing a stream of network usage data comprising:

a data analysis system server which generates a statistical model from a set of usage data record events, and upon receiving a most recent record event, the data analysis system

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server updates the statistical model using the most recent record event by adding the most recent record event to the statistical model, wherein an identifier customer usage is associated with each record event, including updating only a portion of the statistical model associated with the identifier customer usage.

38. (Original) The system of claim 37, further comprising:

defining a least recent record event; and wherein the data analysis system server removes a least recent record event from the statistical model.

39. (Original) The system of claim 37, further comprising:

defining a history cache, wherein the data analysis system server stores the set of record events in the history cache, and wherein if the history cache is full, updating the statistical model includes removing a least recent record event from the statistical model.

40. (Original) The system of claim 39, further comprising:

defines the statistical model to include an aggregation of each record event set stored in the history cache.

41. (Original) The system of claim 40, wherein an identifier is associated with each record event, and wherein generating a statistical model from the set of record events includes the data analysis system server generating an aggregation table for tracking an aggregation of record events associated with an identifier.

42. (Original) The system of claim 41, wherein the data analysis system server generates a complex statistical model representative of the network data from the aggregation table.

43. (Original) The system of claim 41, wherein the most recent record event is associated with an identifier; and wherein the data analysis system server updating the statistical model includes updating only the aggregation of record events in the tracking table for that identifier.

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44. (Original) The system of claim 43, further wherein the data analysis system server generates a complex statistical model from the aggregation table.

45. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing a method for analyzing a stream of network usage data, the method comprising:

generating a statistical model from a set of usage data record events;

receiving a most recent record event; and

updating the statistical model using the most recent record event by adding the most recent record event to the statistical model, wherein ~~an identifier customer usage~~ is associated with each record event, including updating only a portion of the statistical model associated with the ~~identifier customer usage~~.

46. (Previously Presented) A method for analyzing a stream of network usage data comprising:

generating a statistical model from a set of network usage record events;

receiving a most recent record event; and

updating the statistical model using the most recent record event by adding the most recent record event to the statistical model further comprising the steps of:

storing the set of record events in a history cache;

wherein if the history cache is full, updating the statistical model includes removing a least recent record event from the statistical model, further comprising:

defining the statistical model to include an aggregation of each record event set stored in the history cache, wherein an identifier is associated with each record event, and wherein generating a statistical model from the set of record events includes generating an aggregation table for tracking an aggregation of record events associated with an identifier, wherein the most recent record event is associated with an identifier; and

wherein updating the statistical model includes updating only the aggregation

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of record events in the tracking table for that identifier, further comprising generating a histogram statistical model from the aggregation table, wherein the history cache is an array of memory segments, wherein the number of memory segments is equal to the number of update time intervals in the rolling time interval, and storing each record event in a memory segment in the history cache, and defining an index array associated with the statistical model including a set of contiguous index segments, wherein each index segment includes a pointer to the memory segment in the history cache storing the next consecutive record event, further defining a first pointer to the index segment associated with the memory segment storing the least recent record event, wherein upon receiving a most recent record event the method replacing the least recent record event stored in the history cache with the most recent record event, and further moving the first pointer to the next contiguous index segment.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the histogram statistical model includes a first statistical model including a histogram having a first axis illustrating total usage defined by a number of bins, each bin having a usage variable range, and a second axis defined by a frequency corresponding to a number of users having a total usage within the usage variable range of each bin.

48. (New) A method for analyzing a stream of network usage data comprising:
tracking and accumulating a set of usage data record events;
generating a statistical model from the set of usage data record events;
receiving a most recent record event; and
updating the statistical model using the most recent record event by adding the most recent record event to the statistical model, wherein a customer usage is associated with each record event, including updating only a portion of the statistical model associated with the customer usage.